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Chapter 1061: Meeting Face to Face!

The African Continent and the American Continent are separated by the vast Atlantic Ocean. Ye Fan and the others activated their flying artifacts, swiftly traversing the skies above the Atlantic like a streak of flowing light.

The Havis Desert is in the northern part of the American Continent. After entering the continent, they still had some distance to fly before reaching it.

Ye Fan feared more mystical beasts or cultivators from the Xuan Realm might come to Earth through the passage, so he maintained a very high speed. Meanwhile, Yan and Chu Xuanji also wanted to witness how the world passage would be sealed, so no one said anything and they flew straight towards the Havis Desert.

Although the Havis Desert is not large in size, its natural environment is very similar to the Sahara, with the same endless stretches of yellow sand.

In terms of latitude, there isn't much difference between the two, so here too, the sand gets scorching hot under the sun during the day, with surface temperatures high enough to roast sweet potatoes.

But this temperature is nothing to Ye Fan and the other cultivators. They skimmed over the desert and landed straight in front of the Golden Light Gate.

The Golden Light Gate remained unchanged, mysteriously standing in the desert.

No one knew exactly how this Golden Light Gate appeared.

“So this is the passage to the Xuan Realm? It looks quite beautiful. I wonder if the road inside is easy to walk!”

No one would make such an astounding comment at this moment other than Lv Zhan, whose imaginative thinking often soared like a heavenly horse.

“Why don’t you go in and try? Check out the environment inside and report back to us?”

Ye Hei teased him with a smile. Lv Zhan rolled his eyes and said, “Do you think I’m stupid? What if I can’t come back out? Why don’t you go and try?”

Though they were guarding the entrance to the world passage, everyone felt very relaxed. With two top-notch experts like Yan and Chu Xuanji present, they had no fear even if mutant beasts rushed out from the Light Gate.

Of course, they hoped not to encounter a few True Essence Realm mutant beasts; otherwise, they would have to flee for their lives.

“Xiao Fan, how do we seal the passage?”

After observing the world passage for a moment, Yan asked Ye Fan.

“Elder Xuan has to take action for this. My strength is limited and I probably can’t seal it.”

Ye Fan replied honestly. Everyone present was a trusted comrade whom he could rely on, so there was nothing to hide.

Here, Ye Fan hesitated for a moment, then said to everyone, “After sealing the world passage, I need to visit the Xuan Realm. This is the condition Elder Xuan has set, so I must go to the Xuan Realm once.”

Astonishing words, shattering the peace!

Though Ye Fan’s voice wasn’t loud, it shocked everyone, and they looked at him incredulously.

Going to the Xuan Realm? Isn’t this courting death?

Not to mention how powerful the mystical beasts from the Xuan Realm are, the cultivators must be even stronger. Ye Fan’s talent and cultivation may be considered demon-level here on Earth, but what would happen in the Xuan Realm? Only the heavens know.

“You can’t go, I disagree!”

Yan directly rejected Ye Fan's plan, saying, "Even if we leave the passage unsealed, you still can't risk going to the Xuan Realm. We know nothing about the Xuan Realm. What if there's danger when you really go?"

"Xiao Fan, listen to Master Yan. We know nothing about the Xuan Realm. No one knows what the Xuan Realm is like. If you go, we can't help you should there be danger. It's better to stay on Earth."

Lv Yuan also advised. The unknown is always terrifying; humanity knows nothing about the Xuan Realm. Going there would mean entrusting one's fate entirely to uncertain luck.

Not being able to control it signifies danger. They certainly did not want Ye Fan to take this risk.

"Kid, if you're going, your aunt will accompany you, so there will be someone to watch out for you."

Chu Ji knew Ye Fan's temperament. Once he decided on something, he wouldn't easily change, so if she couldn't stop him, she'd go with him to the Xuan Realm to watch out for him.

"I'm going too!"

Su Liuli's voice was not loud but very determined. From her voice, it was clear her demand was not to be debated.

Ye Fan smiled wryly, “Why follow me? I have something to take care of, and as a condition, I have to go. You should stay on Earth and focus on cultivation to prepare for the potentially bigger battles in the future.”

Lv Zhan and others came over and patted Ye Fan’s shoulder, saying, “Ye Zi, you’re not being fair! Such a good opportunity, and you’re not taking us. Do you still see us as brothers?”

Ye Fan knew that although Lv Zhan and the others spoke this way, they actually supported him. He couldn’t help but be moved; a good brother understands your thoughts without needing words.

To ease the oppressive atmosphere, Ye Fan deliberately joked, “Don’t worry! We still don’t know what the Xuan Realm is like. I’m just going ahead for reconnaissance; it’s not like I’m not coming back. If the environment there is really nice, I’ll come back and fetch you all to enjoy.”

“That’s more like it. We’re waiting for your good news, but don’t keep us waiting too long, or don’t blame us brothers if we come charging to find you,” Lv Zhan said earnestly.

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Ye Fan was speechless; Lv Zhan really rendered him speechless!

“Xiao Fan, no matter what decision you make, I’ll support you. But remember one thing, this is your root. There’s an old saying in Huaxia: ‘The fallen leaves return to the roots.’ When you feel weary, don’t forget to come home...”

Just then, Chu Xuanji walked over, looking at Ye Fan with a complex expression. This youngest disciple of his had finally grown up. An eagle could not stay sheltered forever; the boundless sky was his stage to show his talents.

Ye Fan had never disappointed him; he wasn't a flower in a greenhouse but a fledgling eagle. Perhaps it was indeed time to let go.

Ye Fan's eyes reddened, and he nodded heavily, saying, "Master, rest assured, no matter what, Earth is my home. That will never change."

Watching Ye Fan's resolute appearance, Lv Yuan and Ye Feng couldn't help but feel emotional. Having cultivated from a young age, why was the gap so large among geniuses?

The current young generation was gradually rising, making them feel the passage of time like a knife; they couldn't resist aging. The future sky belonged to these young people.

Though Yan was unwilling for Ye Fan to go to the Xuan Realm, he understood it was Ye Fan's choice, and he had no right to interfere, just a sense of reluctance.

He knew his old friend, Chu Xuanji, was even more reluctant than he was, but he still chose to support Ye Fan's decision.

During this time, Yan had actually been grooming Ye Fan as the future Alliance Hierarchy of the War God Alliance, hoping he would one day take his place and become the leader for all human cultivators.

Yet, for the sake of the greater good, Ye Fan's choice was indeed the most correct one. The existence of the world passageway had always been a huge threat to Earth, a sword hanging over all humanity's head, liable to fall at any moment.

In such circumstances, sealing the passage was the best option. Ye Fan also acted for Earth and for all humanity in making this decision.

Yan was not a person who ignored the bigger picture; otherwise, he wouldn't have held the position of Alliance Hierarchy in the War God Alliance for so many years.

Seeing that no one else had anything to say, Ye Fan began to act, first using his mind to communicate with Elder Xuan, asking for his help.

"This matter is very simple. I don't need to take action. I'll teach you the sealing technique, and then you can activate the Mystic Crown to seal the passage."

Elder Xuan had no intention of intervening, telling Ye Fan, "Later, when you go to the Xuan Realm, the gate on Earth poses no real hindrance. Just sealing the entrance on the Xuan Realm side will suffice. I'll take action when you're there."

Ye Fan, helpless, had to follow Elder Xuan's instructions, summoning the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. The roughly foot-high golden crown rotated in front of his chest, emitting waves of gentle undulations.

Hmm?

Only then did everyone truly get a close look at this golden crown that even a super nuclear bomb couldn't destroy.

The Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown appeared extremely magnificent, engraved with many detailed depictions of flora, fauna, and celestial bodies. Though small, each was vividly expressive.

Ye Fan's hands moved continuously, emitting spells passed down from Elder Xuan, to activate the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. It flickered with golden light, radiating unsettling energy fluctuations.

At this moment...

At the other end of the passage, Chen Daozang led four cultivators from the Xuan Realm into the world passage, preparing to descend upon Earth.

"Hmm? Why is there such a strong energy fluctuation? What's happening?"

"Let's go check it out immediately!"

Four Xuan Realm cultivators exchanged looks and swiftly brought Chen Daozang to the passageway's Earth exit.

Ye Fan seemed to sense something approaching through the passage and hastened the sealing process, silently praying that it wasn't a powerful mutant beast.

However—

The next moment, before Ye Fan could finish the spell or fully activate the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, Chen Daozang and the four disciples of the Tianyuan Sect flashed through the Light Gate, appearing in front of Ye Fan and the others!

Chapter 1062: Ugly True Colors

The moment Chen Daozang stepped out of the world portal, he felt a blur before his eyes, and soon he saw Ye Fan, Yan, Chu Xuanji, and others standing in front of him.

Huh?!

Chen Daozang was stunned, hardly able to believe his eyes, thinking he must be hallucinating.

Because...

He never thought that Ye Fan and others would appear here!

Chen Daozang tried to open his eyes wider to see more clearly, and at the same time, he distinctly sensed the aura emanating from Ye Fan and the others, realizing that this wasn't an illusion, nor a mirage, but they were all truly present.

"Hahaha..."

Chen Daozang burst into wild laughter, releasing his True Essence Realm aura without reservation, and said sinisterly, "This is truly a case of searching high and low only to find it effortlessly. You've all delivered yourselves to me, so let me send you on your way!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Daozang's aura suddenly changed, becoming extremely terrifying, as if he were a humanoid fierce beast.

The four young cultivators from the Xuan Realm accompanying him had heard Chen Daozang talk about the affairs on Earth, including his grievances with Chu Xuanji and Yan.

Upon hearing him now, they immediately understood that the people in front of them must have had previous conflicts with him, and they couldn't help but look towards Ye Fan and the others.

The auras of Ye Fan and the others were already released, and for these four, the depth of their cultivation was as clear as day, leaving nothing to guess; they had already seen through their cultivation levels.

“Senior Brother was indeed right. The cultivators of this world are unbelievably weak, nothing but a bunch of trash!”

One of the young cultivators sneered at Yan, Chu Xuanji, and others, saying to his fellow cultivators beside him.

“Yes! They are too weak. Once Senior Brother returns to the sect and reports this news, this world will become the private property of our Tianyuan Sect!”

“Owning a world; even those Holy Lands probably don’t have such grand ambitions, do they? Our Tianyuan Sect is destined to rise!”

“That’s right, with a world as a stronghold, we might genuinely have the capital to contend with those Holy Lands in the future, becoming one of the superpowers of the Xuan Realm!”

Thinking of the benefits to come, the four displayed radiant smiles on their faces. This time, without a doubt, Brother Gu Yun deserves the highest merit.

They too would accumulate tremendous merit, allowing them to swagger in the Tianyuan Sect; even those core disciples would have to show them respect.

The more they thought, the more delighted they were. This was all due to Brother Gu Yun’s merit, and also Chen Daozang’s. Without Chen Daozang, Gu Yun could have perished on Earth, and no one would know that an Xuan Realm cultivator had died in this world.

On the contrary, whether they or others of the Tianyuan Sect, all would think that Gu Yun died at the hands of a mutant beast, becoming a meal for the beast.

While the four disciples of the Tianyuan Sect were lost in their fantasies, they remained calm because they had long seen that only Chu Xuanji possessed the strongest cultivation present, but he was not Chen Daozang's match, let alone theirs.

Even if Chen Daozang failed to defeat them, they would take over?

As soon as they took action, Chu Xuanji and others would not even have a chance to resist!

"Traitor!"

"Beast!"

Seeing Chen Daozang bringing the people of the Xuan Realm to Earth, Chu Xuanji and Yan cursed simultaneously. The current situation was clear as day, even without thinking much.

Undoubtedly, Chen Daozang had defected to the Xuan Realm and, with their help, broke through that bottleneck, formally stepping into the True Essence Realm.

Swoosh!

Lv Yuan and others turned pale. They clearly understood the current situation. Even without the four powerful figures from the Xuan Realm watching intently, just Chen Daozang alone stepping into the True Essence Realm could probably sweep everyone on their side!

At the moment Chen Daozang and the four entered Earth, Ye Fan recovered the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown immediately. He knew the situation was critical—if they failed to kill them all, Earth would indeed be in trouble.

In that instant, Ye Fan immersed his consciousness into the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, communicating with Elder Xuan, hoping to ask him what could be done.

The Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown remained unchanged as always. After Ye Fan's consciousness immersed into it, he soon saw Elder Xuan standing in the distance with a serene expression, hands behind his back.

"Elder Xuan, what should we do now? Can we utilize the power of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown to kill them all? Otherwise, Earth might be in danger!" Ye Fan asked respectfully as he approached Elder Xuan.

Elder Xuan sighed gently and said, "Boy, you might not know, but the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown has not yet recovered to its peak state. Instead, it has only recovered a sliver of its power. Moreover, if not for that so-called nuclear bomb, I would still be asleep."

“With the current power of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, if activated, it would be no problem to kill the four cultivators in front of us. But the issue is, after killing them, the Crown will inevitably consume some energy, leading to a lack of energy, and then we won’t be able to completely seal the channel. You make the decision!”

Elder Xuan tossed this hot potato to Ye Fan, letting him choose: either completely seal the channel or kill the four Xuan Realm cultivators in front of him.

Both choices are equally important, presenting a dilemma.

“How could it come to this?”

Ye Fan was stunned, perplexed at the choice. Killing these four is important; otherwise, Earth might be in danger, as no one can match them.

But if he kills them, then the channel cannot be completely sealed, posing a significant risk to Earth.

Seeing Ye Fan’s indecision, Elder Xuan sighed lightly. This decision is difficult for anyone, but he is only the Artifact Spirit of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown and cannot make this decision for Ye Fan.

Outside, Chu Xuanji and others were confronting Chen Daozang, while Ye Fan, inside the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, was unaware of the situation outside.

Chu Xuanji was furious, trembling all over, but he knew that since Chen Daozang, this rebellious disciple, had successfully broken through to the True Essence Realm, he was no match for him.

Yan's face also turned extremely grim. He had yet to break through the final step and didn't expect Chen Daozang to have defected to the Xuan Realm, breaking through to the True Essence Realm with the help of Xuan Realm cultivators.

Although the True Essence Realm and Half-step Yuan realm differ by just two words, the gap between them is immense!

With four Xuan Realm cultivators and Chen Daozang, Yan felt there was no hope of victory. It seemed inevitable that his forces would be annihilated.

"Chen Daozang, you're simply a beast! No, you're worse than a beast, betraying the Xuan Realm. Are you still an Earthling?"

Yan sternly rebuked Chen Daozang, fully prepared to risk everything, even death, to make the enemy pay a dire price.

"Yan, spare me the righteous talk, it won't affect me! The only thing that matters now is that I can crush you all with one hand!"

Chen Daozang coldly stared at Yan, saying, "As for... a beast? Haha, even if I am worse than a beast, what can you do about it? You will all die! From now on, Earth's rules will be set by me!"

“Rebellious disciple, shameless! You must know how much damage the Xuan Realm has done to humanity, to Earth. It doesn’t matter if you didn’t help eliminate mutant beasts, but you’ve sold out Earth and humanity. You’re humanity’s greatest criminal!”

Chu Xuanji pointed angrily, shouting. No matter what, Chen Daozang was once his disciple. Seeing him defect to the Xuan Realm almost made him choke with anger.

“Haha, Master, calm down, care for your health.”

Chen Daozang was not angry at all. After reaching the True Essence Realm, he developed a domineering mindset, “You say I’m humanity’s greatest criminal? You’re wrong. If you hadn’t cornered me back then, would I have ended up like this? It’s all your fault, not mine!”

The four Xuan Realm cultivators stood by, arms crossed, watching the drama unfold, unaffected. According to Chen Daozang, these people should represent humanity’s elite, but in their eyes, they were just weaklings.

They felt no worry, confident there was no danger for Chen Daozang. He had already broken through the True Essence Realm, and with them backing him, Ye Fan and others were trapped like fish in a barrel.

“You vile child, you’ve truly surprised me! You survived such a powerful explosion; there must be some mighty treasure on you. Hand it over, and I might leave you with a complete corpse, or else, don’t blame me for killing the Old Bastard in front of you first!”

Chen Daozang's gaze turned to Ye Fan, finding it strange how Ye Fan survived the Super Nuclear Bomb's explosion.

In his view, Ye Fan must possess a priceless treasure, or he couldn't have survived. After all, even the True Essence realm mutant beast, the Flame Eagle, was blasted to smithereens!

No response.

At this moment, Ye Fan's consciousness was still immersed in the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, talking with Elder Xuan.

"What a reckless young man!"

Chen Daozang's face sank, surprised that Ye Fan ignored his words. His eyes flashed with a cold light, and a murderous aura erupted from him.

Su Liuli swiftly moved to block Ye Fan, determined to protect her beloved, even knowing she was outmatched.

And just then, Ye Fan finally made up his mind and said to Elder Xuan, "Elder Xuan, I've decided. Let's kill these four first. If the channel can't be completely sealed, there's nothing we can do. Otherwise, Earth will face imminent destruction!"

“Alright, since you’ve decided, let’s begin.”

Elder Xuan nodded, expressionless.

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“In that case, I’ll kill you first!”

As Ye Fan made his decision, Chen Daozang’s killing intent burst forth, launching an attack on Ye Fan first.

Yan and Chu Xuanji almost simultaneously sensed it and hurriedly moved closer to Ye Fan, trying to shield him from the attack.

However—

It was too late!

Chen Daozang’s first move was a soul attack!

This kind of unconventional attack was extremely domineering and could only be executed by cultivators with exceptionally powerful souls.

Seeing Yan and Chu Xuanji's actions, Chen Daozang understood what they intended to do. His hatred for Ye Fan was even greater than his hatred for Chu Xuanji, so he naturally wouldn't let Ye Fan go.

Ever since Ye Fan had emerged unscathed from the explosion of the Super Nuclear Bomb, Chen Daozang had a vague suspicion that physical attacks were useless against him. So, with a furious shout, his eyes flared up, unleashing a soul attack.

In his view, no matter how strong Ye Fan was, his soul couldn't be stronger than his own. Soul attacks were unstoppable and could only be endured. He didn't believe that Ye Fan could withstand his soul attack.

Moreover, soul attacks are a type of area attack, with a large coverage and powerful force. They could kill Ye Fan while also having a deterrent effect on others.

Soul attacks are invisible and intangible, very difficult to deal with. Even Yan and Chu Xuanji had to resist with all their might and had no time to help Ye Fan.

"Pfff..."

Su Liuli, standing in front of Ye Fan, bore the brunt of it. Her face changed drastically, and before she could even scream, she spat out a mouthful of blood and fell limply to the ground.

Chu Ji, being at a distance, coupled with Chen Daozang deliberately sparing her, managed to escape the calamity. Yan and Chu Xuanji, while not as strong in soul power as Chen Daozang, weren't far behind. One was actively attacking, the other passively defending, and both easily withstood this attack.

Meanwhile, Lv Zhan and the others were too far away and beyond the range of Chen Daozang's attack.

"Liu Li!!"

Under the protection of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, Ye Fan's soul wasn't impacted at all. At this moment, his consciousness had just returned when he saw Su Liuli with blood at the corner of her mouth, collapsing helplessly to the ground, and he exclaimed in shock.

He had always felt he owed Su Liuli a lot... a lot.

Since Su Liuli embarked on the path of cultivation, she had always followed and accompanied him, but he hadn't given her anything, not even a single promise.

Now, Su Liuli had taken Chen Daozang's powerful attack head-on to save him, her life or death unknown. How could he not be furious?

"Chen Daozang, you deserve to die!"

After his exclamation of shock, Ye Fan was filled with rage, unleashing a powerful war intent, his aura surging, resembling a resurrected killing god.

“You little brat, the one who deserves to die is you. You shouldn’t have come into this world at all. Just die!”

Although Ye Fan’s aura was strong, Chen Daozang didn’t take it seriously since the disparity in strength between them was too great.

In his mind, bravery was fine, but bravery couldn’t be turned into strength. The gap between them was as vast as a chasm, and facing the True Essence Realm Chen Daozang, Ye Fan had no chance of winning!

“Master, you and Master Yan retreat with Liu Li and the others. I’ll deal with them.”

Ye Fan wasn’t intimidated by his opponent’s aura at all. His gaze fixed on Chen Daozang and the four strong people from the Xuan Realm, as if looking at lifeless objects, with no trace of emotion in his eyes.

Hmm?

Hearing Ye Fan speak this way, Chen Daozang was quite surprised. How did Ye Fan dare to spout such big talk?

Then, Chen Daozang thought of a possibility: Ye Fan had survived near the epicenter of the Super Nuclear Bomb explosion, emerging lively, so he must have an ace that Chen didn't know about.

Unlike Chen Daozang's doubts, the four cultivators from the Xuan Realm looked at Ye Fan with disdain, as if looking at an idiot unaware of death.

"What did he just say? He's going to deal with us by himself?" one Xuan Realm cultivator asked his companion in an exaggerated tone.

"Yeah! I'm so scared. How about we surrender to avoid meeting a deadly end?" Another Xuan Realm cultivator looked at Ye Fan mockingly, speaking in a teasing tone.

"Haha..."

The remaining two couldn't help but burst into laughter. This not-so-funny joke hit their funny bone.

"Three senior brothers, I request you allow me to test this kid's mettle, to see why he dares to say such big words."

The youngest, Ninth Junior Brother, laughed for a while, finally suppressing his laughter, putting on a serious face as he formally requested his three senior brothers for the chance to fight.

"Pfff..."

His words sparked another round of laughter from the three, one of whom said, "Alright, we agree, Ninth Junior Brother, take it easy! Don't kill this interesting treasure at once. It's been a long time since we've been this entertained."

Chen Daozang frowned, initially wanting to remind the four to be cautious in case Ye Fan had tricks, but then thought it wasn't bad to let them test the waters first. Ye Fan was so confident, so calm, he must have something to rely on. It wouldn't hurt for him to see what this hole card was.

If Ye Fan is not a match, it's not too late for me to take action. In the unlikely event Ye Fan has some kind of trump card, I still have time to escape.

Thinking of success in failure first is an essential quality for every aspiring hero to accomplish great deeds. Chen Daozang is no exception. It would be foolish not to use a free strongman!

Once he thought of it, he acted on it. As the Ninth Junior Brother stepped forward, Chen Daozang quietly retreated a few steps, back to the group of four, nearly touching the golden Light Gate.

He is extremely shrewd. Once he senses something wrong, he can enter the Light Gate at any time. If this Ninth Junior Brother manages to kill Ye Fan, it won't be too late for him to come out and kill Yan, Chu Xuanji, and the others.

Ye Fan dared to face the five of them alone. This calmness and composure made Chen Daozang's heart uneasy. He believed Ye Fan must have some backing; otherwise, not even in a rush to die would one behave like this.

“Kid, I admire your courage, but courage is not strength! Show me your strength, let me see how strong you truly are, daring to speak such bold words.”

Ninth Junior Brother stood in front of Ye Fan, but he did not take the lead to attack. He felt if he were to strike first, it might be seen as bullying the weak, so he waited for Ye Fan to make the first move.

“Die!!”

Ye Fan roared, rapidly waving his hands according to what Elder Xuan taught him, casting a series of spells.

With Su Liuli’s life or death uncertain, he had no time to waste and directly activated the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown!

In an instant, the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown shot out beams of golden light, illuminating the sky as if entering a golden realm!

“This...”

All four of them simultaneously turned pale. With the emergence of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, the world changed color. That kind of terrifying pressure made them feel as if their souls were about to shatter.

Yan and Chu Xuanji also felt the immense pressure, the kind of terrifying suppression that made them involuntarily step back again.

Chen Daozang also felt the immense pressure, his face turning deathly pale, his eyes rolling around rapidly.

With the appearance of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, everyone's consciousness was drawn in. Ye Fan remained as calm as an ancient well, forming seals with both hands, casting spells. Waves of Gang Qi shot onto the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, triggering golden Qi rays, like Heavenly Swords, shaking their hearts.

"Emperor... Emperor Weapon?!"

"How... how is this possible?!"

"How... How can there be an Emperor Weapon on Earth?!"

The Ninth Junior Brother standing opposite Ye Fan didn't even have time to think before he was struck by the golden light from the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, shattered into dust, meeting a dreadful death.

The remaining three almost bit their tongues. They were all knowledgeable people. From the terrifying pressure emitted by the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, they could guess that the golden crown in Ye Fan's hand was actually the supreme Emperor Weapon of the Xuan Realm!

In the Xuan Realm, there are only a handful of forces possessing an Emperor Weapon, yet every force that possesses an Emperor Weapon is a top power in the Xuan Realm. They can't comprehend how someone on the weak world of Earth possesses an Emperor Weapon.

Yan and Chu Xuanji were dumbfounded. Although they had seen Ye Fan summon the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown before, it didn't have such a powerful pressure back then, just an ordinary Magic Artifact.

However—

Now, the pressure from the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown made them feel a descent of divine power, as if the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was a towering giant mountain, and they were just dwarves at its base.

There was simply no comparison between the two!

Especially Chu Xuanji and Yan, they felt it the most. The stronger they were, the more they could sense that boundless pressure, as if facing the Heavenly Dao itself.

Escape!

At this moment, the same thought flashed through the minds of the remaining three cultivators from the Xuan Realm. Facing an Emperor Weapon, it wasn't just them, even if their Sect Leader came, they'd have to turn tail and run, unable to withstand it.

Run?

Too late!

Ye Fan put all his strength into urging the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. The Crown shone brightly, like a blazing sun, emitting golden rays, like golden arrows, piercing through the void, shooting towards the three of them.

The golden light roared past, and the three were turned to dust before they could even scream, their Magic Artifacts included!

This result was shocking to all!

Even Ye Fan was no exception!

Hmm?

Soon, Ye Fan's expression changed!

Because he discovered he hadn't killed Chen Daozang!!

Chapter 1064: Entering the Xuan Realm!

Ye Fan searched around the Light Gate but did not find Chen Daozang's figure, knowing that Chen Daozang had hidden in the world passage or directly entered the Xuan Realm.

Since there was no trace of Chen Daozang, Ye Fan did not pursue him into the passage to kill him.

Because...

He had more important things to do—to check Su Liuli's injuries!

"Liuli!"

Ye Fan put away the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown and swiftly dashed to Su Liuli's side.

At this moment, Su Liuli's face was deathly pale, lying quietly on the soft sand, her chest showing no movement at all, as if she were a corpse.

“Liuli...”

Ye Fan let out a heartbroken cry, kneeling beside Su Liuli. Tears welled up in his tiger eyes, for Su Liuli had been injured by Chen Daozang in her effort to protect him, causing him immense pain and regret.

If he had shortened his communication time with Elder Xuan and activated the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown earlier, Chen Daozang wouldn't have had the chance to attack, nor could he have escaped!

Heartbroken and regretful, Ye Fan quickly grabbed Su Liuli's wrist, carefully examining her injuries, only to find that Su Liuli no longer had a pulse, and her spiritual energy was rapidly dissipating.

Hmm?!

Ye Fan immediately panicked. Two beams of golden light shot from his eyes, directly striking Su Liuli's forehead, as he entered her sea of consciousness.

Through this, Ye Fan discovered that Su Liuli's injuries were too severe, almost equivalent to death, because her soul had been shattered, leaving only her body.

“Liuli!!”

Ye Fan knelt on the ground, letting out a heart-wrenching cry, pulling Su Liuli into his arms, his eyes red, tears streaming uncontrollably—if she hadn't stood in front of him, how could Su Liuli have ended up like this?

Chu Ji's eyes also reddened. During the time they spent together day and night, Chu Ji had grown fond of this lovely little girl and knew deeply of Su Liuli's deep affection for Ye Fan, yet hadn't expected the outcome to be like this.

Injuries to the body are easy to heal. With Ye Fan's medical skills and the remarkably restorative Pure Yang Qi, he could completely restore Su Liuli's physical injuries.

However—

The soul is the most mysterious part of the human body, and once injured, it is extremely difficult to heal.

Back then, Situ Ruoshui's soul was only injured, and Ye Fan exerted tremendous effort to help Situ Ruoshui generate a year-long force seed, which accidentally healed her injuries.

But now, Su Liuli's soul was completely shattered, and Ye Fan was powerless to reverse the situation.

In this world, there is no medical skill that can restore a shattered soul!

Chu Xuanji's face was sullen, his eyes blazing with fury, for he too had examined Su Liuli's injuries earlier and knew that her soul was shattered.

With such injuries, even if the body were preserved by special means, in modern medicine, it would be termed as a vegetable, or essentially a living dead.

Living dead.

As the name suggests, a living dead, without thought, without consciousness, like a walking corpse.

This outcome is no better than Bodhi Wu Yin's, perhaps even worse!

"Why? Why on earth?"

Ye Fan held Su Liuli like a wounded lone wolf, howling at the sky, tears uncontrollably streaming, tracing bitter paths down his resolute face, slipping into his mouth, filled with bitterness.

Crack...

Ye Fan clenched his fists, his joints cracking, gripping so tightly that his knuckles turned blue, roaring fiercely at the sky, "Chen Daozang, if I do not kill you in this life, I swear I am not human!!"

Lv Zhan and the others shivered all over, hearing the determination in Ye Fan's voice. Knowing Ye Fan's personality, they realized this oath would definitely be fulfilled.

"Ye Fan, please accept my condolences..."

Lv Yuan stepped forward, patting Ye Fan's shoulder, his gaze meeting Ye Fan's hollow eyes, unable to speak the words he intended to say next.

"Child, be strong. If Liuli knew, she definitely wouldn't want you to be this sad."

Chu Xuanji knew well that Ye Fan was a man of deep emotion and righteousness, valuing familial love and romantic love above all else.

"Master..."

Ye Fan could no longer hold back, his tears falling like broken strings of pearls, pattering down.

A man sheds tears reluctantly, only when deeply heartbroken!

Ye Fan's feelings for Su Liuli were like a gentle spring breeze and rain, nourishing things silently, but such feelings were all the more rich and profound.

For Su Liuli, Ye Fan felt both romantic love and familial affection and never expected his momentary oversight would cost her life.

If he had known beforehand, Ye Fan would have acted without hesitation, using the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown to kill Chen Daozang and his group of five altogether.

To enemies, he could be as cold as a harsh winter, opening a killing spree without hesitation, but to friends and family, he was always warm as a spring breeze, like a sunshine-filled neighbor boy.

“Ye Fan, stop wasting time, enter the Xuan Realm now!”

In Ye Fan’s sea of consciousness, Elder Xuan saw Ye Fan immersed in sorrow and couldn’t help but remind him.

“Elder Xuan, because of my mistake, Liu Li’s soul was completely destroyed, equivalent to a living dead...” Ye Fan communicated with Elder Xuan through his consciousness.

“I know, but that’s not a reason for you to be crushed. Don’t forget, the channel between the Xuan Realm and Earth has always existed. If it’s not sealed quickly, cultivators from the Xuan Realm have already discovered this passage, and you know the consequences. Once the Tianyuan Sect sends people to find it, Earth will be completely destroyed! Even if Earth isn’t destroyed, Earth people will become slaves of the Tianyuan Sect. Is that the outcome you want?”

Elder Xuan interrupted Ye Fan, each word carrying a heavy, bloody taste, like a steel needle fiercely piercing Ye Fan's heart, gradually awakening him from his sadness.

"Elder Xuan, I understand..."

Ye Fan responded, but his whole being was still filled with a sense of desolation. Su Liuli becoming a living dead was a result he couldn't accept.

This blow was too great for him!

"Kid, what's there to fear about a broken soul? A broken soul doesn't mean someone is completely dead, right? There's still a possibility of restoration."

Moved by Ye Fan's deep emotions, Elder Xuan hesitated slightly before saying to him, "In the Xuan Realm, there's a divine medicine called Soul Gathering Grass. Using it as the main ingredient, combined with other precious spiritual medicines, it can refine a Soul Gathering Pill. With the Soul Gathering Pill, even a shattered soul has the possibility of restoration."

"Elder... Elder Xuan, is this true?!" Upon hearing this, Ye Fan quickly confirmed.

Elder Xuan nodded and said, "When have I ever lied? If I say it exists, it exists, because I have personally witnessed the miraculous effects of the Soul Gathering Pill, capable even of defying the heavens to seize life from death."

“Great! I’m going to the Xuan Realm!!”

Ye Fan seemed to have returned from Hell to Heaven, replied to Elder Xuan, and then said to Chu Xuanji and others, “Master, Master Yan, and all the seniors, I am going into the Xuan Realm. Please protect Liu Li’s body well, and don’t let her body lose its vitality. The Xuan Realm has divine medicines that can repair a broken soul. I’m going to the Xuan Realm now and will temporarily seal the passage between Earth and the Xuan Realm!”

“Leave it to me. I will take care of her with Ji, you be careful in the Xuan Realm.” Chu Xuanji said, looking at Ye Fan with a bit of reluctance and worry, but more with anticipation!

“Ye Zi, take care, come back often when you can, I’ll work hard on my cultivation, just don’t let me surpass you!”

Lv Zhan came over, gave Ye Fan a bear hug, and fiercely patted his back, trying not to make the scene too sad.

Next were Ye Hei, Wu Zi, Xiao Selang, and others, each hugging and bidding farewell to Ye Fan, wishing each other well.

Lv Yuan, Ye Feng, and others, after saying goodbye to their disciples and Ye Fan, also came up, looking at him, “The Xuan Realm is not like Earth; you must be careful, always prioritize safety, Earth needs you.”

Ye Fan clenched his fist tightly, nodded vigorously, bowed to Lv Yuan and others, then bowed again to Yan and Chu Xuanji, and Chu Ji.

Then, under the reluctant eyes of everyone, Ye Fan resolutely walked towards the Golden Light Gate.

Standing before the Light Gate, Ye Fan paused for a moment, but ultimately didn't look back, only tried to make his voice sound calm, saying, "Master, everyone, I'm entrusting Liu Li to you!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Ye Fan didn't wait for anyone to say anything else and stepped into the golden Light Gate. In an instant, the scenery before him changed dramatically.

Having never entered a space channel before, Ye Fan had never imagined what it would be like inside.

Originally in his imagination, the space channel should be pitch black, but it was completely different from his imagination. Inside the space channel, it was bizarre and muddled, with various lights intertwining into a magnificent pattern, constantly changing.

Walking in the space channel, Ye Fan cautiously scanned ahead and around, fearing Chen Daozang might ambush him inside the space channel.

However, after walking for a long time without any abnormalities, Ye Fan felt Chen Daozang was probably already in the Xuan Realm and wasn't hiding in the space channel.

After entering the space channel, Ye Fan found the space here was actually quite large but twisted, truly wondering how those mutant beasts passed through this channel to reach Earth.

Here, Ye Fan felt time was almost at a standstill, but he didn't have time to admire the scenery inside the space channel, so he rushed straight ahead.

Soon, Ye Fan saw the Light Gate, clearly seeing the scene outside the door, it was a valley, lush and vibrant.

Ye Fan took one step out of the Light Gate, entering the small valley outside. The rich Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi caused all 36,000 pores of his body to open, greedily absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

After stepping out of the Light Gate, Ye Fan immediately sensed his surroundings, discovering no sign of Chen Daozang except for some mutant beasts.

This left Ye Fan feeling slightly disappointed.

Despite his disappointment, Ye Fan didn't rush to find Chen Daozang. Instead, following Elder Xuan's guidance, he fully activated the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, releasing a layer of murky Golden Light that enveloped the entire Light Gate.

Heaven and Earth changed color; a clear sky turned instantly dark and rolling, with thunder and lightning, celestial phenomena appearing.

"Seal!"

Finishing the handprint, Ye Fan yelled, and the Light Gate vanished in an instant, the channel between the Xuan Realm and Earth was blocked.

“Now consider the channel temporarily blocked, but the seal is weak. If a master encounters it, it can easily be broken, you need to quickly increase your strength and repair the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. Only then can you truly seal the channel and ensure Earth’s safety!”

Elder Xuan’s voice was somewhat weak, after all, activating the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown consumed not only Ye Fan’s strength but mostly his.

“I’ll give you the recipe for the Soul Gathering Pill. You can gather the necessary materials according to the recipe. Also, sealing the channel just now consumed a lot, I won’t be able to help you activate the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown in the short term, be extra cautious.

Remember, the Xuan Realm is far more dangerous than Earth; you must be careful and cautious, staying alive is more important than anything!!”

After Elder Xuan finished speaking, a piece of information surged into Ye Fan’s mind, and with a slight sense, he found it was a recipe.

The recipe for the Soul Gathering Pill!

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“Hiss~”

Ye Fan glanced at the materials needed for the Soul Gathering Pill and couldn't help but take a cold breath. Besides the Soul Gathering Grass, the remaining ingredients were extremely rare spiritual medicines in the Xuan Realm.

“To refine the Soul Gathering Pill, there's still a long road ahead. It's impossible in the short term!”

Familiar with the refining recipe for the ‘Soul Gathering Pill,’ Ye Fan recalled the information indicating that the Soul Gathering Grass was in a very dangerous Forbidden Zone in the Xuan Realm. He knew it was unrealistic to obtain the Soul Gathering Grass in the short term and decided to wait until he became stronger before venturing into the Forbidden Zone.

At present, what worried him the most was the passage between the Xuan Realm and Earth—the power of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was already very weak. It hadn't fully recovered, and the recent energy spent on killing four cultivators from the Xuan Realm further weakened it, rendering the seal unstable and likely to be discovered and breached by strong people at any time.

“The primordial qi of the Xuan Realm is so rich that as long as I work hard in cultivation, my strength should increase quickly.”

A moment later, Ye Fan refocused his mind and keenly sensed that the primordial qi in this world was much richer than on Earth.

“Kid, although you have excellent talent, relying solely on absorbing the primordial qi for cultivation, even if you cultivate to death, you won't become a Supreme Strongman, and won't be able to seal the

passage between the two realms by activating the complete Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown.” Elder Xuan communicated with Ye Fan through mind, unreservedly striking him down.

“Why?”

Ye Fan was puzzled. Since the primordial qi of the Xuan Realm was so rich and his talent wasn’t bad, why couldn’t he cultivate to be a Supreme Strongman?

“First, the True Essence Realm is legendary on Earth, but in the Xuan Realm, it’s just the starting point of cultivation. In other words, cultivators of the True Essence Realm are the weakest in the Xuan Realm, only slightly stronger than those in the True Qi Realm. Well, the so-called True Qi Realm is like the Gang Qi Realm on Earth.”

“Second, although the spiritual energy in the Xuan Realm is rich, to quickly cultivate and become a strong person, just absorbing the spiritual energy of heaven and earth is not enough. You need Spirit Stones, which are the equivalent of Essence Stones on Earth.”

Elder Xuan knew that Ye Fan, encountering the Xuan Realm for the first time, had very little understanding of this world. Additionally, since the Xuan Realm and Earth were two different worlds, there were still some significant differences, so he patiently explained to him.

“I see, so how can I get Spirit Stones?”

Ye Fan suddenly understood. This was something he should have known long ago, but he just hadn’t thought of it. With Elder Xuan’s guidance, he realized it.

On Earth, he had used Essence Stones and Heaven and Earth Source Liquid to cultivate, progressing rapidly!

Although the Xuan Realm and Earth aren't the same world, their cultivation essence shouldn't differ much. Naturally, Spirit Stones contain more primordial qi, purer, and are more beneficial to cultivators.

"Two paths. First, discover a Spirit Vein and cultivate within it, but this possibility is almost non-existent. On one hand, the Spirit Veins of the Xuan Realm are mostly occupied by various sects and powers, and those undiscovered Spirit Veins are located in extremely dangerous places, where your current strength cannot explore."

"Second, find a way to become a disciple of a sect or power. With your talent, you'll stand out quickly, and then you'll receive abundant cultivation resources, not only Spirit Stones but elixir pills, spiritual artifacts, and the like."

Elder Xuan knew that the Xuan Realm was still an unfamiliar world for Ye Fan, so he went to great lengths to explain in detail to him.

"Join a sect, huh..." Ye Fan pondered secretly. This was indeed a shortcut to obtaining Spirit Stones, but... the secrecy required would demand extreme caution.

"Then how can the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown be repaired?"

What Ye Fan cared most about was not Spirit Stones, for he could find ways to acquire them, but the repair of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was not a simple matter, or else it wouldn't have remained unrepaired until now.

"There are still two ways. First, devour various precious materials used for refining spiritual artifacts. Second, directly devour spiritual artifacts. The stronger the devoured spiritual artifact, the better the effect."

As the Artifact Spirit of the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, Elder Xuan naturally cared more about repairing itself, explaining to Ye Fan: "The Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown is one of the most powerful Emperor Weapons of the Xuan Realm. As long as there are sufficient artifact refining materials or spiritual artifacts, it can be repaired."

"Devour... devour... spiritual artifacts?"

Ye Fan was directly stunned. Never would he have thought that the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was so domineering that it could repair itself by devouring supreme-grade materials or finished spiritual artifacts. This was too unbelievable, wasn't it?

As if seeing Ye Fan's shock, Elder Xuan said calmly, "Don't be surprised; there's nothing strange about it. The Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown is the life-bound spiritual artifact personally refined by the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor and one of the most powerful Emperor Weapons in the Xuan Realm since ancient times. What's strange about it devouring spiritual artifacts?"

Elder Xuan was quite proud; as the Artifact Spirit of an Emperor Weapon, he naturally had reasons to be proud. There were only a few Emperor Weapons in the entire Xuan Realm!

Emperor Weapon?

An Emperor Weapon again?!

Hearing these words, Ye Fan couldn't help but recall the previous moment when he activated the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, and the reaction of the four Xuan Realm cultivators. When they saw the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown demonstrating its power, they screamed as if seeing a ghost, saying the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown was an Emperor Weapon.

"What kind of person is the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor? What is his relationship with my mother? Why would his spiritual artifact be with my mother?" Ye Fan suddenly thought of his mother and couldn't help but ask.

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Since the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown is one of the few Emperor Weapons in the Xuan Realm, how did it end up in my mother's hands? Her cultivation wasn't high enough to possess such an extraordinary Emperor Weapon.

"The Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor is your mother's ancestor, Ling Yun. It is precisely because of the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor that the Ling Family became one of the most powerful Di Clans in the Xuan Realm. The so-called Di Clan refers to a family that has produced a Great Emperor. And a Great Emperor is the most powerful existence in the Xuan Realm, with only one appearing in each era..."

Elder Xuan Su Hu became immersed in his memories, unknowingly talking about many things Ye Fan had never been exposed to before.

It wasn't until he saw Ye Fan's engrossed expression that Elder Xuan realized he had said too much. Knowing too much without having the corresponding power is not necessarily a good thing.

So, Elder Xuan subtly shifted the topic: "After the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor died..."

"Wait, didn't you say the Great Emperor is the strongest combat power in this world? How could the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor die?"

Upon hearing Elder Xuan say that the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor had died, Ye Fan couldn't help but interrupt him, asking.

"You shouldn't learn about these things for now; let me tell you more about your mother instead."

Elder Xuan sighed, his tone revealing deep sorrow, and then, after adjusting his mood, he continued: "After the Xuan Emperor's death, the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown became the Ling Family's heirloom spiritual artifact. Though the Ling Family never had another Great Emperor, it remained one of the Xuan Realm's strongest Di Clans, holding a vast amount of the Xuan Realm's resources. It also bore an important mission — to resist calamity."

Elder Xuan's words hit Ye Fan hard. He never imagined his mother had such a prestigious family background in the Xuan Realm. But why did she come to Earth? And what exactly is this calamity they're resisting?

Ye Fan found his mind in turmoil as he interrupted Elder Xuan's words again, asking: "So what is this calamity?"

"These are things you'll learn later. It's not good for you to know now, and you shouldn't ask."

Elder Xuan's tone showed deep apprehension, "The last calamity in the Xuan Realm had to be resisted with Emperor Weapons by several Di Clans because there was no Great Emperor."

"In the end, though the Xuan Realm resisted the calamity, the Emperor Weapons of all the major clans suffered varying degrees of damage, including the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown. I too was severely injured and nearly fell into slumber. Since your mother possessed an extremely rare spiritual body, before I fell into slumber, I made her the owner of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, but I didn't expect it to harm her."

"Your mother's brother, wanting the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown for himself, secretly plotted to marry her off to a member of the Gu Family. The Gu Family is also a Di Clan. The Gu Family's Emperor Weapon suffered the least damage in the last calamity. In this way, your mother's brother, your uncle, ostensibly for the benefit of the Ling Family, sought protection from the Gu Family through marriage, but in reality, he wanted the Emperor Weapon to become the Ling Family Patriarch!"

"At that time, all major Di Clans wanted to associate with the Gu Family, so although the Gu Family agreed to the marriage, they wanted your mother to marry a youth with the worst talent and poor character. Your mother was firmly against it but to no avail. Under duress, she left the Ling Family with the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, pursued by Ling Family members."

"After being caught up with, your mother fought back desperately, unexpected that those pursuing her from the Ling Family wanted to kill her – they were all your uncle's Death Soldiers!"

“In the dire situation, your mother fully activated the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, killed those people, and inadvertently loosened the seal between the Xuan Realm and Earth, entering Earth through the passage...”

“Beast! That bastard wanted the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, to become the Ling Family Patriarch, and even pulled a knife on his own sister, insane!” After hearing Elder Xuan’s account, Ye Fan was furious.

“Kid, the path of cultivation is inherently a ruthless path. Not only do you compete with others, but ultimately you also compete with the heavens. As you progress, you’ll understand the heartlessness and cruelty of this path. These are nothing.”

Elder Xuan lamented and then, having thought of something, added: “By the way, kid, I’ve deceived you about one thing...”

“What’s that?”

Ye Fan asked in surprise, not expecting Elder Xuan to have a moment of deceiving him.

“Your mother wasn’t killed by that guy named Chen Daozang. Instead, she chose to jump off a cliff voluntarily. To be precise, at that time, her heart was utterly broken by your father. After embedding the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown in you, she chose to return to the Xuan Realm. Her jumping off a cliff was actually her entering the two-world passage to return to the Xuan Realm.”

Elder Xuan, after much consideration, decided to reveal the truth to him since it had already happened, and they had arrived in the Xuan Realm.

“Wh... what?”

Ye Fan was incredibly shocked, “My... my mother is still alive? So I can see her?”

“There should be a chance, provided she’s still alive, and you must survive as well.” Elder Xuan reminded.

“Sur... survive...”

Upon hearing these three words, Ye Fan snapped out of his excitement, gradually calming down, and worriedly said: “I must not only survive, but also ensure Earth is not destroyed. Now, with Chen Daozang’s fate unknown, if what those four cultivators said is true and another cultivator returns to report to Tianyuan Sect, if the sect sends people here, can they break the seal?”

“The Nine Heavens Mystic Crown is severely damaged and, having been activated once before, has consumed a lot of energy. Currently, it has only temporarily sealed the passage. If a strong person arrives, they can indeed reopen it...” Elder Xuan sighed.

“Then what should we do?”

Ye Fan was filled with worry; this was the situation he feared most. If a strong cultivator from the Tianyuan Sect came to Earth, it would spell disaster for the planet.

“We can only hope that the Tianyuan Sect disciple dies on the way, or there are no strong cultivators left in the Tianyuan Sect.”

Elder Xuan also felt this hope was slim, then comforted Ye Fan: “However, you can rest assured of one thing; Earth has its own set of rules that restrict cultivators above the True Essence Realm from entering. This means only cultivators in the True Essence Realm and True Qi Realm can enter...”

At this point, Elder Xuan stopped speaking.

Because he understood very well that even True Essence Realm cultivators would be unstoppable on Earth.

Ye Fan also understood that True Essence Realm cultivators are an invincible presence on Earth. As long as a True Essence Realm cultivator arrives, Earth won't stand a chance.

For a moment, both fell silent.

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Meanwhile, after returning to the Tianyuan Sect from the Xuan Beast Forest thanks to his status as an elite disciple, Gu Yun reached the Sect Leader's retreat without hindrance and reported to him about the world called Earth, emphasizing the potential of the Earth people's talent and comprehension, which is not inferior to that of the Xuan Realm, perhaps even better.

Should they control Earth, those with exceptional talent there will surely shine brightly, their cultivation advancing by leaps and bounds, becoming the backbone of the Tianyuan Sect!

Touched by Gu Yun's unprecedented contribution to the sect, the immortal and Daoist-like sect leader decided after deliberation to send an elder leading elite disciples to the Xuan Beast Forest secretly.

He intended to quietly seize control of Earth and replenish the sect with its talents.

"Gu Yun, you have made an unparalleled contribution to our sect this time," the Sect Leader praised. "Now, I want you, along with Elder Ma, to take the elite disciples and set out for Xuan Beast Forest. Control the place called Earth for us first."

Having made his decision, the sage-like leader of the Tianyuan Sect said, "Go call Elder Ma. Tell him I have something important that needs his immediate attention and that he should come to see me right away!"

Chapter 1067: Ice Snow Spirit Ape

The Xuan Beast Forest is located in a corner of the Southern Domain of the Xuan Realm, and can be considered a paradise for Xuan Beasts. The periphery is often frequented by human cultivators who come to train or hunt mutant beasts and collect spiritual medicine, but the center is nearly unvisited by humans, serving as a forbidden zone for them.

Though Ye Fan had sealed the space channel, he was worried that people from the Tianyuan Sect might come looking for it. So, he decided to cultivate not far from the seal.

First, the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi here is exceptionally rich, allowing for cultivation much faster than when he was on Earth, without worrying about the scarcity of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

Second, he could monitor the sealed space channel nearby, preventing the strong people of the Tianyuan Sect from breaking the seal, invading Earth, and bringing a great disaster.

In the Xuan Beast Forest, ancient trees towered into the sky with old vines coiling around them. From time to time, the cries of apes and roars of tigers echoed, and the calls of various Xuan Beasts reverberated through the valley.

The Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi was extremely thick, as if a thin mist covered the entire valley. Occasionally, a breeze would bring the fragrance of spiritual medicine.

Ye Fan felt a myriad of emotions in his heart. Such a place is almost impossible to find on Earth. Ordinary places, not even the sealed ancient Holy Lands, have such abundant Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi or so much spiritual medicine.

Ye Fan set himself up on a smooth green stone not far from the Light Gate. This stone was as big as a lying ox, very smooth, as if it had been washed by water over the years.

Elder Xuan did not fall back into slumber again because the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in the Xuan Realm was extremely abundant, unlike Earth's scarcity, so he didn't need to rely on sleep to accumulate strength.

Another reason was that Ye Fan was new to the Xuan Realm and knew very little, requiring someone to remind him at any time to avoid revealing any weaknesses.

With these two reasons, Elder Xuan could no longer fall into slumber, but he would not appear to help unless necessary.

Ye Fan had no complaints about this result. He understood that after the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown suffered a heavy blow from continuous use, its energy was near exhaustion. It was already very good that Elder Xuan had not fallen into slumber. He couldn't expect Elder Xuan to protect him at all times.

Cultivation is tedious, but to quickly enhance his power, Ye Fan still enjoyed it without any slack.

As Elder Xuan said, the True Essence Realm is only entry-level. The cultivators in this world are far stronger than those on Earth, and the path of cultivation is even more difficult, full of thorns and slaughter!

Hoo!

Ye Fan ran the mystical skill, and soon, the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi formed a small vortex, converging toward him, creating a rare spectacle.

While Ye Fan was immersed in cultivation, the external Xuan Beasts began to stir. Xuan Beasts are very sensitive to changes in the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

Ye Fan's cultivation of the "Nine Heavens Profound Skill" was particularly domineering, affecting the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi. Quickly, the nearest Xuan Beast overlord, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, sensed the anomaly in the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi and followed its flow to Ye Fan's small valley.

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape was a Xuan Beast overlord in this vicinity, with its strength reaching the Half-step True Yuan realm. Due to its considerable intelligence, far more than ordinary mutant beasts, it had not reached the True Essence Realm but still became an overlord in this area.

Last time, when the Flame Eagle from the True Essence Realm chased Gu Yun into the world channel, it was aware, but it did not join the chaos.

The reason was simple: the Ice Snow Spirit Ape was very sharp at sensing danger and was quite cautious, never risking itself.

Precisely because of this caution, it avoided a potential deadly crisis. The local Half-step True Essence Realm mutant beasts followed the Flame Eagle to Earth, suddenly leaving this area without strong mutant beasts, allowing it to become an overlord here smoothly.

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape should have been on the snowy mountain. The environment in the Xuan Beast Forest wasn't really suitable for it, but a cold pond nearby, surrounded by snow and ice, formed a unique cultivation site, attracting it here.

Following the direction of the Qi wave, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape quickly arrived at Ye Fan's cultivation site in the small valley, noticeably lowering the temperature upon arrival.

Although Ye Fan was in cultivation, he was very sensitive to the external change in temperature, which abruptly fell, defying logic!

This all prompted him to instantly withdraw from his cultivation state, with his eyes shooting faint golden beams, suddenly spotting the Ice Snow Spirit Ape!

Despite the Ice Snow Spirit Ape's size being much larger than typical spirit apes, standing at 2.5 meters tall, its appearance was not much different from other apes, except for its pure white fur, which looked exceptionally beautiful.

However, Ye Fan sensed strong hostility radiating from this seemingly harmless and elegant white ape.

Clearly, the Xuan Beast Forest is the domain of Xuan Beasts, unwelcome to humans, and those cultivators arriving in the Xuan Realm generally come to hunt Xuan Beast and obtain beast cores.

Between Xuan Beasts and humans, there may not be a hatred as deep as the sea, but it's close enough. The Ice Snow Spirit Ape, as a Xuan Beast overlord, naturally harbors hostility toward Ye Fan.

"Half-step True Essence Realm?"

On sensing the aura emitted by the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, Ye Fan gasped, his face becoming serious. On Earth, he had once fought face to face with the Flame Eagle, familiar with the gap between True Essence Realm and Half-step True Essence Realm.

From the aura emanating from the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, he could feel its strength was likely in the realm of Half-step True Essence Realm.

But even at the Half-step True Essence Realm, Ye Fan was definitely not an opponent, and now he wasn't wearing the Heavenly Demon Armor, making it impossible to resist an attack from the white ape.

No matter what, Ye Fan had to try, releasing his breath, burning the Gang Qi Essence without hesitation. At the same time, with a thought, three Xuanye Flying Blades floated in a triangular formation in front of him.

"A human?"

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape had no intention of giving Ye Fan any preparation time. As soon as it appeared, it pounded its chest with its fists, a fierce light flashing in its eyes, and lunged directly at Ye Fan.

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape carried a biting cold aura all over its body. Even though Ye Fan had already reached a state immune to cold and heat, he still felt waves of bone-chilling cold, showing how low the temperature of this White Ape's body was.

Ye Fan was secretly shocked. Logically, the body temperature of any creature shouldn't be this low, especially for apes, whose temperatures should be similar to humans. How could this White Ape's body temperature be so low?

Before Ye Fan could gather his thoughts, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape's pair of palms were upon him. There was no blinding Gang Qi, but Ye Fan felt an irresistible force.

Without hesitation, Ye Fan moved his foot, his body dodging to the left like lightning, while remotely directing the three flying knives with his spiritual power to shoot towards the Spirit Ape's chest and shoulders.

Ding ding ding!

With three light sounds, the Xuanye Flying Blades struck the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, but caused it no harm at all, its white fur proving to be an extremely strong defense.

Boom!

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape's palms struck the spot where Ye Fan had previously stood, smashing the slab-sized boulder into dust, with the debris shooting towards Ye Fan like bullets.

Simultaneously, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape pivoted strangely on its right foot, the tail that trailed on the ground whipping towards Ye Fan like a steel whip.

“Poof...”

Struck as if by lightning, Ye Fan’s body was sent flying over three zhang away, spitting out a mouthful of blood. The Protective Gang Qi was shattered upon impact, and the steel whip-like tail struck heavily on his body.

He hadn’t expected the Ice Snow Spirit Ape to have such a cunning trick. Caught off guard, the burning Gang Qi was interrupted, and the Gang Qi inside him surged wildly!

At that moment, not only the half-step Yuan realm Xuan Beast like the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, but even a normal beast could have easily killed him!

In just one confrontation, Ye Fan suffered heavy injuries. If not for the Nine Heavens Profound Body being much stronger than typical cultivators, his life would have been in peril with that blow.

“Still alive?”

Seeing that Ye Fan wasn’t dead, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape was surprised to find the body of this True Qi Realm human so strong, surviving its strike.

While the Ice Snow Spirit Ape was momentarily stunned, Ye Fan activated the Nine Heavens Profound Crown, stepping directly into the virtual space of the Nine Heavens Profound Crown to seek refuge and heal.

Hmm?!

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape was once again surprised, rubbing its furry paws against its eyes, looking at the golden crown spinning in the air, puzzled.

Just a moment ago, there was clearly a human cultivator, whose severe injury it could sense, someone it could crush with a casual blow. But in the blink of an eye the person vanished, replaced by a golden crown.

Swoosh!

Grabbing the Nine Heavens Profound Crown in its hand, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape inspected it over and over again but couldn't figure it out. After all, a Xuan Beast was still a Xuan Beast, not as smart as a human.

Upon entering the virtual space, Elder Xuan sensed Ye Fan and quickly understood what had happened outside. He manifested directly within the virtual space and said to Ye Fan, "Ye Fan, in the future, whenever you encounter a Xuan Beast, if you can't win, you can hide in the Profound Crown. But if you encounter a human cultivator, don't do it because the Nine Heavens Profound Crown can be taken by them, and it won't be easy to get it back!"

Ye Fan was startled. Elder Xuan was correct, no matter how intelligent a Xuan Beast might be, it's still a Xuan Beast, but the cultivators of the Xuan Realm know about Emperor Weapons. If an opponent seizes it, not only would the Emperor Weapon become theirs, but he himself would meet a tragic end, for he couldn't stay in the virtual space forever!

While Ye Fan was conversing with Elder Xuan, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, after studying for a long time, couldn't decipher the Nine Heavens Profound Crown but knew it was related to Ye Fan, so it left the small valley with the Nine Heavens Profound Crown...

Chapter 1068 Caught Between a Rock and a Hard Place

The Tianyuan Sect is located in the Southern Domain of the Xuan Realm, not far from the Xuan Beast Forest. Although it is not a superpower with ancient heritage, it is considered a regional overlord, with several elders possessing powerful cultivation within the sect.

After learning about Earth's situation, the Tianyuan Sect Leader dispatched Elder Ma Biqian, a powerful elder in the sect, to lead a group of young elites into the Xuan Beast Forest.

As a medium-sized sect, the Tianyuan Sect naturally possesses powerful flying artifacts, namely an ancient bronze war chariot. When unused, it's only palm-sized, but once activated, it can carry dozens of people without any problem.

A group of people rode the ancient war chariot to the outskirts of the Xuan Beast Forest, jumped off the chariot, and proceeded on foot towards the forest's center. The Xuan Beast Forest is indeed vast, and some mystical beasts within are unfathomably powerful, even formidable to the strong people of the Di Clan, whom they wisely chose to avoid.

Led by Gu Yun, the group forged ahead, cutting through thickets, directly slaying beasts of average strength unless they encountered powerful mystical beasts, which they cautiously bypassed.

On the outskirts of the Xuan Beast Forest, there basically aren't any overly powerful mystical beasts. Mystical beasts have territorial awareness, and the deeper into the center one goes, the stronger they become. The outskirts are home to weaker beasts that pose no threat to them.

"Can't wait!"

"Indeed, I want to plunge into that feeble world at once!"

"Haha, with our strength, we'd be invincible in that world!"

The young elites from the Tianyuan Sect were exceptionally excited because they already knew the purpose of this expedition: to conquer another world. Once subdued, Earth would become a vital reserve and stronghold for the Tianyuan Sect, a feat even the powerful Di Clan had not achieved.

"If what Senior Brother Gu says is true, isn't Earth practically ours for the taking? Anyway, that world doesn't have powerful cultivators, it's like a free gift for us."

"Exactly, according to Senior Brother Gu, the people of that world have good talent and comprehension, but due to the harsh environment and scarce primordial qi, their cultivation progress is slow. Once we control that world, we'll select talented individuals, and it will surely strengthen our Tianyuan Sect!"

Throughout the journey, the young elites were very excited, discussing as they traveled. They were confident that once Earth was conquered, the Tianyuan Sect would usher in an unprecedented era of prosperity, even becoming a dominant force in the Xuan Realm.

By that time, wouldn't they walk with great confidence in the Xuan Realm? Who would dare provoke them?

"This time, Senior Brother Gu Yun has performed an extraordinary miracle, surely he'll become a core disciple, possibly even a future elder."

"Indeed, congratulations to Senior Brother Gu Yun. Once you're successful, don't forget about us humble brothers!"

Someone half-jokingly, half-flatteringly spoke to Gu Yun.

Gu Yun only smiled faintly on the surface, but internally, he was overjoyed. Although regarded as the leader's foremost disciple, his lack of strength meant he wasn't a core disciple—Tianyuan Sect also has elders' disciples and Supreme Elder's last disciples.

In terms of talent and strength, all those people outmatched him, a point he always worried about. Hence, he risked his life stealing the Profound Ice Lotus from the Flame Eagle to rapidly improve his strength and enter the core disciples' circle.

In the Xuan Realm, irrespective of the sect, they all have inner sect and outer sect disciples. Those below the Great Perfection of Gang Qi Realm (Peak of True Qi Realm) can only stay in the outer sect, not eligible to enter the inner sect.

Once an individual reaches the realm of Great Perfection in the Gang Qi Realm (Peak of True Qi Realm), the sect notices them, absorbing them into the inner sect disciple group. There is a significant difference between outer sect and inner sect disciples in terms of cultivation resources, cultivation environment, and martial arts skills.

Therefore, outer sect disciples strive desperately to become inner sect disciples!

Becoming an inner sect disciple does not only bring better treatment but also symbolizes identity.

The inner sect disciples are divided into three categories: the first being common inner sect disciples, possessing strength in the Gang Qi Realm Great Perfection (Peak of True Qi Realm) with potential to break through to the True Essence Realm.

The second category includes elite disciples accompanying Elder Ma, all having broken through to the True Essence Realm, truly stepping into the cultivation threshold.

The third category, referred to as core disciples by the elite disciples, comprises the sect's future pillars, genuine cultivation talents, with strength at least in the Late-Stage True Essence Realm, even reaching the True Essence Realm Peak!

The hierarchical structure pushes these disciples to cultivate vigorously, all yearning to enter the core disciples' circle, yet few can truly enter through sheer strength as true geniuses are scarce. Most people's talent remains ordinary.

While Elder Ma led the group, navigating through obstacles and advancing towards the heart of the Xuan Beast Forest under Gu Yun's guidance, elsewhere, an elder from another sect was leading several disciples, hunting mystical beasts in the forest.

This elder, dressed in a green long robe, had eyes like lightning and his deep and unfathomable strength was evident. However, he rarely intervened, merely observing from the sidelines.

Evidently, this elder, like Elder Ma, was merely a team leader, bringing some disciples to the Xuan Beast Forest, primarily to hunt mystical beasts for beast cores, while also hoping to get lucky and find some spiritual medicine.

The main objective remained tempering these young disciples' strength and character, allowing rapid growth amidst life-and-death trials.

Without facing iron and blood, the trials of life and death, they remain greenhouse flowers and cannot survive in the brutal competition of the cultivation world.

They were located between the outskirts and center of the Xuan Beast Forest, not far from the Ice Snow Spirit Ape's territory, currently engaged in ferocious combat with a nimble Spotted Leopard.

This Spotted Leopard is also an Overlord-level Xuan Beast nearby, terrifyingly strong and incredibly fast. Even under their siege, it still manages to hold its ground.

In fact, if not for the elder watching intently from the side, these young people would have likely fallen to its sharp claws and fangs already.

Among these young people, there is a young girl in a plain long dress. Although her clothing is not luxurious, it fits her exceptionally well.

Her long black hair cascades behind her back, tied up in a bun with a wooden hairpin, giving her an ethereal, immortal-like appearance as if a fairy had descended into the mortal world.

Her Magic Artifact is also unique — a pale cyan long sword, crystal clear, radiating a gentle glow, yet her Swordsmanship is rather fierce. The Spotted Leopard's repeated counterattacks were blocked by her long sword. Although she has the upper hand, she has not dealt a killing blow.

Fighting alongside her is a young man with sword-like eyebrows and tiger eyes, with an elegant demeanor. His purple robe looks extremely luxurious.

This young man wields a scarlet long spear, his Spear Technique fierce and unmatched. The spear, nearly a yard long, in his hands is like an embroidery needle, carefully guarding the girl, ensuring she is in no danger.

His attacks, however, are much more ruthless than the girl's. The tip of his spear shoots out fierce beams of light, each strike aimed at the critical points of the Spotted Leopard, a fighting style that shows no regard for his own safety.

This young man knows very well that with the elder present, the Spotted Leopard absolutely cannot harm them, so he is very at ease, focusing only on protecting the girl beside him who looks like a fairy, fearing any danger may come to her.

Just as they are locked in a fierce battle with the Spotted Leopard, the surroundings in shambles, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape arrives nearby with the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown.

As a Xuan Beast, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape is extremely sensitive to the fluctuation of Primordial Qi. Just from the fluctuation, it knows that there must be human cultivators nearby hunting its kind, so it intends to go check it out.

At this moment, Elder Xuan's powerful spiritual power immediately senses the presence of the girl and others, even able to perceive their cultivation levels.

For the others, Elder Xuan does not have much concern, but there is a powerful elder present. Considering Ye Fan's current situation, not to mention that elder, even those young people besieging the Spotted Leopard are far beyond his match.

Time is pressing, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape moves very quickly, and in no time reaches near the battlefield. By this time, the fate of the Spotted Leopard is already sealed.

Under the siege of several young cultivators, it is already heavily injured, even if they stop their attack now, the Spotted Leopard won't survive much longer.

"Boy, there are cultivators ahead, quickly leave the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, otherwise the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown will be discovered!"

Elder Xuan swiftly warns Ye Fan to leave the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, lest any chance these cultivators discover the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, which would surely spell doom for Ye Fan.

In the Xuan Realm, the rarity of an Emperor Weapon is known to all. Elder Xuan is certain that these people definitely know its value, and under no circumstances can they be allowed to see the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown!

If they were to see, or learn of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown's existence, the act of killing for treasure is commonplace for Xuan Realm cultivators. They would not hesitate to obliterate Ye Fan and claim the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown for themselves.

"Alright!"

After understanding the current situation, Ye Fan prepares to leave the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown. In any case, the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown cannot be discovered by others. This is not Earth, but the Xuan Realm, where without any restraint, the allure of an Emperor Weapon is enough to turn anyone into a robber!

However—

At this moment, the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown is still in the hands of the Ice Snow Spirit Ape. If Ye Fan leaves rashly, he might very well suffer a violent blow from it. Given his current physical state, one more hit and it could very well be fatal.

All this puts Ye Fan in a difficult spot!

If he doesn't leave, there's a chance the presence of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown might be discovered, leading to murder for treasure.

If he does leave, he might be attacked by the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, and given he hasn't yet recovered, he may not withstand its violent blow.

Sticking his neck out or not, both pose a deadly risk. Ye Fan finds himself stuck in a dilemma!

Chapter 1069 Escaping Danger, Invitation

The time left for Ye Fan was running out; he had to make a choice. If the people ahead reached him and discovered the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown, he would be doomed.

After much deliberation, Ye Fan decided to step out of the Virtual Space within the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. He might be able to fight against the White Ape, but he wouldn't have a chance to escape from the cultivators of the Xuan Realm.

Swish!

Time was limited. Although Ye Fan's injuries hadn't been fully healed, he had no choice but to take risks. He gritted his teeth and stepped out of the Virtual Space within the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown. With a thought, the Nine Heavens Mysterious Crown instantly vanished into his body.

Originally, the attention of the Ice Snow Spirit Ape was drawn by the disturbances ahead. It suddenly found its hand empty, and Ye Fan appeared in front of it.

"Roar..."

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape let out a howl. It was filled with extreme hatred, though the three strikes before didn't cause any harm, the sheer impact was enough to cause it physical pain.

Seeing Ye Fan appear as suddenly as he had disappeared, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape went berserk, roaring as it swung a massive palm fiercely at Ye Fan.

Boom—

A muffled sound echoed, and Ye Fan was struck flying, several bones breaking within him. He spat out a mouthful of blood, his face pale. If not for his strong Martial Arts Will keeping him conscious, he would have been knocked out instantly.

If Ye Fan had been in peak condition, he might have had a twenty percent chance to dodge this close-range violent strike. But now, his injuries were severe; though treated somewhat in the Virtual Space, they hadn't healed, severely affecting his ability to perform, his speed and reflexes lagging.

In crisis, Ye Fan bit down hard, and with a thought, the Golden Feather Wings unfolded instantly. But he could no longer propel himself to fly; he could only glide using air currents.

Whoosh!

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape never expected Ye Fan to survive its heavy strike and seize the opportunity to flee swiftly. It stomped, turning into a white lightning to chase after him.

After sustaining two heavy hits in quick succession, Ye Fan finally couldn't control the Golden Feather Wings anymore, which retracted instantly. Under gravity, he fell like a severed kite, heavily crashing beside a girl as graceful as a fairy, rolling his eyes and nearly losing consciousness.

The Spotted Leopard had already been killed, its Beast Core extracted. The girl and her companions were resting when Ye Fan suddenly fell from the sky, leaving them stunned.

"Roar~"

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape followed closely, roaring as it launched an attack at Ye Fan, catching even the girl nearby within its attack range.

"What a beast, daring to act viciously before me, Tong Qianchen!"

The girl's brows knit tightly in anger, her eyes filled with killing intent. She shook the sword in her hand, shooting out rays of Sword Radiance, encompassing the Ice Snow Spirit Ape.

The Ice Snow Spirit Ape, albeit the dominant Half-step Yuan realm, was keenly sensitive to danger. From the moment Tong Qianchen made her move, it realized it had hit a wall. But retreating wasn't an option now, forcing it to face her attack.

Tong Qianchen's sword light erupted, disrupting the Ice Snow Spirit Ape's vision in the sunlight, with the fierce Sword Qi hissing sharply.

Immediately after, the Ice Snow Spirit Ape felt a chill on its neck, its attacking body froze in place, maintaining its defensive posture. The fierce gaze in its eyes gradually blurred, letting out an unwilling grunt as it fell headfirst to the ground.

"Congratulations, Junior Sister. Besides a Beast Core, the creature also has an Ice Pearl, an Anti-Aging Holy Object, useful for beauty," the Purple Robed Youth approached, smiling, congratulating Tong Qianchen.

Tong Qianchen ignored the Purple Robed Youth and turned to Ye Fan, extracting a Jade Bottle from her clothes. She poured out a fragrant Elixir Pill and gave it to Ye Fan using clean water.

With difficulty, Ye Fan sat down cross-legged, intending to express thanks, but suddenly realized he didn't know how to speak the Xuan Realm's language, only pretending to purse his lips while he began operating to catalyze the Elixir Pill, healing his injuries.

"It's my oversight, I forgot to plant some information about the Xuan Realm in your mind!"

Meanwhile, Elder Xuan reappeared, imparting some basic information about the Xuan Realm into his sea of consciousness, including the language.

From this foundational information, Ye Fan found the language of the Xuan Realm and Huaxia different but not vastly distinct, allowing mutual comprehension, which surprised him a bit.

Half an hour later, Ye Fan's injuries finally came under control, gradually recovering. Though far from healing, he could care for himself without issue.

"You're just a True Qi realm cultivator, how dare you venture alone into the Xuan Beast Forest?"

Once Ye Fan awakened from healing, Tong Qianchen handed him a water pouch, urging him to drink to soothe his throat, before asking curiously.

The curiosity stemmed from her knowledge that the Xuan Beast Forest is a Forbidden Land for humans. Unless led by an elder, weaker cultivators wouldn't dare to delve its depths alone.

Not only Tong Qianchen, but others also stared questioningly at Ye Fan.

"Here's how it is..."

Elder Xuan had just shared some basic information about the Xuan Realm with him, so Ye Fan concocted a lie, saying he came from a small village around the Xuan Beast Forest mountains, self-cultivating for a time intending to venture out in hopes of joining a sect for further cultivation.

He ended up being chased by a strong Xuan Beast around the Xuan Beast Forest's perimeter, escaping into the Xuan Beast Forest in panic. Though he shook off the mutant beast, he got lost and bumped into the Ice Snow Spirit Ape while seeking a way out, nearly losing his life.

"So that's how it is..."

Tong Qianchen pondered for a moment and said to Ye Fan, "It's just perfect, our Xuanwu Sect is currently recruiting outer disciples. If you are willing, you can join our sect's outer sect, which would at least give you a place to stay."

"Junior Sister Tong, this doesn't seem appropriate, does it? He seems to be over twenty years old, and he's only at the late-stage True Qi Realm. His talent must be poor, and joining the sect would be pointless."

The graceful Purple Robed Youth slightly frowned, opening his mouth to block Ye Fan from joining Xuanwu Sect.

On one hand, as he said, although the outer disciples of Xuanwu Sect require only late-stage True Qi Realm, those recruited are all young teenagers—as younger they are, the better their potential and growth space.

On the other hand, he was pursuing Tong Qianchen and had already felt animosity towards Ye Fan when he saw Tong Qianchen holding him, wishing the Ice Snow Spirit Ape had smacked Ye Fan to death right then. Why would he want Ye Fan to join Xuanwu Sect?

"Senior Sister Tong, Brother Chu is right. Although he's at the late-stage True Qi Realm, he's already missed the best age for cultivation. Joining the sect wouldn't make much sense and would waste a spot for outer disciples."

Beside the elegant Brother Chu, a plump girl like a ball of flesh quickly chimed in.

As Chu Feng's follower, she naturally saw Chu Feng's thoughts, and took this chance to express herself. How could she not perform?

Besides, although she was only sixteen years old, her cultivation had reached the peak of True Qi Realm, equivalent to the peak of Gang Qi Realm on Earth, stronger than Ye Fan's power, so her words carried a noticeable sense of superiority.

"Since I cannot meet the requirements for recruiting disciples, I won't attempt it. Thank you for your kindness."

Ye Fan wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and spoke.

Although he was eager to join a sect for cultivation, the condescending attitude and disdainful gaze from Chu Feng and the meat ball made him feel particularly uncomfortable.

"It's okay, you've met the requirements; it's just that you're slightly older. However, that's not much of an issue. Perhaps you haven't undergone formal cultivation before, which resulted in slow progress."

"Moreover, history has shown that there are many powerful cultivators who matured late. This is not a hindrance for you. Please join our sect!" Tong Qianchen said with a smile.

"Senior Sister Tong, this..."

The meatball youth was about to say something again, but Tong Qianchen's brows furrowed, and her phoenix-like eyes glared fiercely with anger, immediately silencing him, making him tremble like a cicada in winter and causing him to stand aside, afraid to say anything more.

"Though he's quite a bit older with limited potential for advancement, he can still do some menial work as an outer disciple. Let's decide on that!"

While everyone was silent, the Qing Robe Elder spoke, expressing his opinion.

Though he didn't believe Ye Fan would have the potential to mature late as Tong Qianchen suggested, since Tong Qianchen was the beloved daughter of the Xuanwu Sect Leader, he couldn't afford to disregard her decision.

A seasoned elder, the Qing Robe Elder managed to take on a leading role in this training exercise; regardless of his strength, his interpersonal skills were definite. He knew when to say certain things, his perceptive skills surely rivaled his cultivation powers.

He wouldn't want to clash with the beloved daughter of the Xuanwu Sect Leader over Ye Fan, sparing some negative words in front of the sect leader might not threaten his elder position but would certainly affect him.

"Alright, from now on, you are one of us at Xuanwu Sect!" Tong Qianchen smiled.

"Are you feeling alright now?"

At the same time, the Qing Robe Elder walked over and spoke to Ye Fan, "If you're able to move on your own, follow us back to the sect and then, according to rules, take a test. It'll let everyone witness your strength."

His move was quite shrewd; he couldn't afford to offend Tong Qianchen, and Chu Feng had reasonably strong backing too. Although he sided with Tong Qianchen, by setting a test by rules, it left Ye Fan's entry into the outer sect still uncertain, thus offending neither.

"Let's go, you can ride the flying artifact with me!"

Saying this, Tong Qianchen summoned a dual-row flying shuttle, inviting Ye Fan to ride with her back to the sect.

Swish!

On hearing this, Chu Feng's expression changed, as Tong Qianchen's flying shuttle was one he hadn't ridden before. He hadn't expected her to invite Ye Fan, which made him extremely displeased, feeling just as uncomfortable as swallowing a fly during a meal!

However—

Despite his displeasure, his mind remained dark, and he said nothing, although his gaze towards Ye Fan harbored an increasing undisguised animosity.

Chapter 1070: Renowned in the Xuan Realm?

Facing Tong Qianchen's repeated invitations, Ye Fan hesitated for a moment before silently agreeing to join the Xuanwu Sect.

Although Chu Feng in the purple robe and the meatball boy had attitudes that particularly annoyed him, he could see that Tong Qianchen had a good heart and genuinely wanted him to join the Xuanwu Sect.

More importantly, he indeed needed to join a sect for cultivation at this moment. Joining the Xuanwu Sect would not only solve this problem but also help him leave the Xuanshou Forest—he wasn't confident he could safely exit the domain of the Xuan Beasts.

"Qianchen, there's no need to use the Flying Shuttle. We can journey out on foot, and along the way, we can kill some Xuan Beasts. Also, he needs time to recuperate. It wouldn't be fair to return now, as his injuries haven't healed and he won't be able to perform at full combat power during the entry test."

Seeing Tong Qianchen about to take Ye Fan back to the Xuanwu Sect, the azure-robed elder reminded.

Hmm?

Tong Qianchen was startled, then quickly understood. The azure-robed elder was right, and having Ye Fan participate in the entry assessment now would certainly be a failure, so she put away the Flying Shuttle.

“As we return, we can kill some Xuan Beasts. Use the opportunity to heal your wounds.” Tong Qianchen said to Ye Fan.

“Thank you.”

Ye Fan nodded in gratitude.

Tong Qianchen said nothing more and swiftly moved to the body of the Ice Snow Spirit Ape, deftly slicing it open with the long sword in her hand.

Tong Qianchen extracted a fist-sized Beast Core and an egg-sized pearl from its body. The pearl shimmered with silver light, resembling metal, but emitted a biting chill that froze the surrounding wild grass and old vines.

Tong Qianchen took out a Jade Bottle and placed the Ice Pearl inside, instantly isolating the penetrating cold, indicating that the Jade Bottle was also a treasure.

Seeing Tong Qianchen had already taken the Beast Core and Ice Pearl, the azure-robed elder said, “This Ice Snow Spirit Ape is very rare. Its flesh contains Life Essence Energy, making it an excellent ingredient. Don’t waste it.”

Then, the elder spat out a small, green cauldron. The cauldron expanded with the wind and instantly stored the two-meter-tall body of the Ice Snow Spirit Ape. It then shrank back to a small size and returned to his body.

Ye Fan almost bulged his eyes out. This elder was indeed extraordinary, and the treasure he possessed was a Space Spiritual Artifact, extremely rare in the Xuan Realm.

After collecting the Ice Snow Spirit Ape's body, the group no longer delayed and began heading out of the Xuanshou Mountain Range, with Ye Fan joining them on their trek outward.

On their journey to this place, they had cleared out a large number of Xuan Beasts, so they didn't encounter any too powerful Xuan Beasts on the way back.

Some weaker Xuan Beasts were nailed to the ground with a single move from Chu Feng's blood-colored spear, having no chance to retaliate.

Ye Fan also witnessed his terrifying strength and realized he certainly wasn't a match for him at the moment.

The Xuanshou Mountain Range was filled with a primitive appearance, and Ye Fan felt as if he had traveled back to Earth's Primordial Era.

Everywhere were massive, ancient trees with trunks as thick as several people, lush and verdant, their deep roots entwined with ancient vines. Occasionally, a massive spiritual bird would fly across the sky, casting a large shadow.

For example, a three-foot-long golden centipede waggled its poisonous pincers, strutting past the group, slicing even the hard ground with its claws.

A giant python as thick as a barrel swallowed a sika deer whole, spewing toxic mist that dissolved everything around into black liquid, even corroding the stones, which sizzled as they emitted green smoke.

Three days later, the group finally left the central part of the Xuanshou Mountain Range, almost reaching the outskirts of the Xuanshou Forest.

Once they reached the outskirts of the Xuanshou Forest, there would be nothing to worry about, as there were no powerful mutant beasts in the forest's periphery.

"We're about to exit the central area of the Xuanshou Forest, so let's all take a break."

At a forest edge with a broad view, Tong Qianchen suggested they rest. She noticed that Ye Fan had persisted in keeping up with the group without falling behind but hadn't had much time to heal, so now that they were basically out of danger, it was a good opportunity for him to recuperate.

Elder Qing Shan naturally had no objection and let everyone find a place to rest, while he wandered nearby.

During these three days of travel, Ye Fan had learned that the elder's name was Zhou Tian, an inner sect elder of the Xuanwu Sect and the leader of this expedition.

"Hmph, even if you heal, what does it matter? You're still just a waste!"

The meatball boy approached Ye Fan, mocking him in a voice only Ye Fan could hear.

Ye Fan chose to ignore the meatball boy completely, sitting cross-legged to focus on healing.

Just then, Ye Fan suddenly sensed a tremendous danger and couldn't help but open his eyes, looking towards the source of the threat.

The meatball boy thought his words had provoked Ye Fan, feeling secretly delighted.

Before he could speak again, Elder Zhou Tian shouted, "Everyone be alert, there's a Xuan Beast ambush!"

Whoosh!

As he spoke, a massive beast claw covered in black fur descended on them like a mountain ridge.

Ye Fan immediately rolled away, kicked hard against the ground, and shot out like an arrow, dodging the beast claw's strike.

Simultaneously, the meatball boy and others also scattered, avoiding the hairy beast claw's massive impact, which landed where they had just been, causing a deafening crash.

Boom!

Dust flew, rocks shattered, and Ye Fan felt the ground tremble slightly. He quickly observed that the furry beast claw was not an actual physical form but was condensed from True Yuan and Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi. Having missed its target, the beast claw vanished into thin air.

However, the destruction caused by this blow was astonishing. Ye Fan noticed that where the beast claw struck, the earth cracked with spider web-like fissures, crisscrossing everywhere.

If that hit landed on a person, Ye Fan dared not imagine the consequences—it would be lucky to end up as mere a meat patty.

“Vile beast, how dare you!”

Elder Zhou Tian roared angrily, then struck out, slashing a sword toward a distant spot. The gigantic Sword Radiance cleaved a stone as large as a hill in two, and the spilled True Yuan pulverized everything around.

“Awoo...”

Along with Elder Zhou Tian's sword, a giant roar was heard.

Soon, Ye Fan saw a spectacle. A giant gorilla covered in black fur emerged from behind the hill-like stone, standing over ten meters tall like an enormous colossus, trembling the earth with each step.

King Kong?

Ye Fan's mind immediately recalled a sci-fi disaster movie once named King Kong, where there was a gorilla called King Kong, unmatched even by dinosaurs.

But the creature resembling King Kong before him had two heads, revealing its fangs, looking particularly terrifying.

"Oh my god, it's a Double-headed Ape! Isn't it supposed to only exist deep in the Xuan Beast Forest? How did it end up here?"

The rotund young man nearly wet his pants from fear; that blow earlier would have turned him into mince meat had he not reacted quickly.

Now, upon seeing the Xuan Beast, he shrieked and retreated swiftly, like seeing a ghost, fearful of being caught in the turmoil.

"Awoo awoo~"

The Double-headed Ape thumped its chest with giant fists, unleashed a ferocious roar, and charged directly at Elder Zhou Tian.

“Humph!”

Elder Zhou Tian coldly snorted, flying into mid-air, his long sword emitting terrifying Sword Radiance, attacking the Double-headed Ape.

The Double-headed Ape seemed to sense from this small human a power that made it fearful, choosing to retreat.

“Since you’re here, don’t bother leaving!”

Elder Zhou Tian roared, spewing out a ray of rosy light, within which a small cyan cauldron seemed to pierce through the void, passing through its body, leaving a fist-sized hole.

Considering the Double-headed Ape was nearly ten meters tall, such a small injury would hardly affect it, but the cauldron pierced right at its heart, shattering it directly.

Although the Double-headed Ape had two heads, it did not possess two hearts. With its heart shattered, it suffered a grave injury.

The Double-headed Ape was powerfully resilient; despite the fatal hurt, it wouldn't die instantly, but it went berserk, wildly swinging its massive beast claws, unleashing astonishing destruction.

Elder Zhou Tian did not engage it head-on but opted to maneuver around, wearing down its energy bit by bit.

Bang!

With its heart shattered, no matter how ferocious the Double-headed Ape was, it couldn't last long. After a quarter of an hour, Elder Zhou Tian blew up another head, and finally, it could fight no longer, collapsing with a rumbling noise, kicking up a dust cloud.

Witnessing the entire battle process, Ye Fan felt his heart surge, thoroughly astonished by the mutant beast and Elder Zhou Tian's might.

"Elder Zhou truly lives up to being a Holy Embryo Realm strong person, easily slaying such a powerful Double-headed Ape..."

A disciple of Xuanwu Sect not far from Ye Fan murmured, with undisguised shock and envy in his eyes.

"Holy Embryo Realm..."

Ye Fan was stunned. The Xuan Realm was different from Earth; the True Essence Realm was legendary there, and here, the Holy Embryo Realm seemed to be the real powerhouse.

“Lad, are you particularly envious?” Elder Xuan chuckled with teasing in the sea of consciousness.

“Uh-huh!”

Ye Fan nodded in acknowledgment. He couldn’t hide his thoughts from Elder Xuan, so he might as well admit them openly.

“No need to envy. With your talent, combined with my guidance and the help of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, you’ll soon exceed him.”

Elder Xuan comforted.

Ye Fan bitterly smiled; surpassing the Holy Embryo Realm—how difficult is that?

Right now, I don’t even know when I’ll reach the True Essence Realm.

“Remember, you are the new master of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown, the successor of the Nine Heavens Xuan Emperor!”

Seemingly sensing Ye Fan's frustration, Elder Xuan spoke again, with a grave tone, "If your luck holds and you do not perish along the cultivation path, I assure you, soon enough, the name Ye Fan will resonate throughout the Tianxuan Continent!!"